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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MADURO RESPONDS TO COMMERCE SECRETARY  
EVANS ON AES BID

1. (SBU) During a November 12 meeting, Honduran President Maduro provided DCM a letter in response to Commerce Secretary Evans' October 22 letter advocating for a fair and

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transparent process in the 210MW energy bid sent on behalf of AES. The original letter was sent via FedEx 2 day delivery on November 13, 2002 to the Advocacy Center, Department of Commerce under tracking number 8368 2020 8426.

2. (SBU) Begin text:

November 4, 2002

Mr. Donald L. Evans  
The Secretary of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Evans:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 22, referring to ENEE's tender for the supply of 210MW of new electric capacity.

Please rest assured that in my Administration, we are committed to ensure the transparency in all our endeavours.

I also look forward to continue the close and strong ties between our Governments which, throughout the years, have been highly appreciated by our people for the support and assistance you have always provided to Honduras.

With the assurances of my highest esteem,

(signature)

Ricardo Maduro  
President of the Republic of Honduras

End Text.

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